

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
School Committee Meeting
Friday, December 18, 2015
9:00 AM***

Budget Subcommittee Meeting

*Arlington High School
School Committee Room, 6th Floor
869 Mass Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476*

Open Meeting

Public Participation

Approval of draft minutes of 12/7/2015

Discussion of how to present data on enrollment, budget, etc.

Substitute pay discussion

Update on outreach

Old business

New Business

Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair; which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.

Submitted by Kirsy Allison-Ampe, MD



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Approval of draft minutes of 12/7/2015

ATTACHMENTS:

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▢ Minutes	Draft_Budget_Subcommittee_Minutes_120715.docx	Draft Budget Minutes 12 7 2015 for approval

Budget Subcommittee Minutes

Monday, December 7th 2015

Called to order 4:30 pm.

Present:

SC: Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Bill Hayner, Jennifer Susse

APS Staff: Diane Johnson, Laura Chesson, Kathleen Bodie (around 5:15pm), Julie Dunn

Other: Richard Fanning (FinComm)

No public participation.

Minutes of 11/18/15 approved 3-0.

Peirce Field Rental Fees:

No additional changes required. Subcommittee will move approval on trial basis at next full School Committee meeting.

Substitute Pay Discussion:

Issue was raised by Judson Pierce. He is concerned that our pay rate for substitute teachers is too low, and that it is affecting our ability to obtain substitutes. The administration plans to discuss with principals their experience in obtaining substitutes and whether it is being affected by our pay rate. Mr Hayner discussed some of his experiences working as a local substitute teacher, including pay rates, and offered to gather local comparison numbers. The committee would like to understand how much it would cost to raise substitute pay in the coming year. We will also talk to: Linda Hanson of AEA whether there are concerns or feedback from the teachers re substitutes; Rob Spiegel on whether we pay different pay rates for hourly vs daily; and with Ms Johnson on the average number of substitute hours per year.

How present enrollment data, class size, teacher projections, costs:

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Ms Johnson presented preliminary information on the upcoming “asks” from the principals, including costs. It is running above the amount we currently anticipate to get from the town. She also discussed methods of estimating the increase in staffing salaries etc needed because of increased enrollment.

Mr Hayner felt that the full school committee needs to see all of the asks and that this should form the basis of our request to the town. The principal’s presentations will be this Thursday and the next Thursday. Ms Johnson will update some of the numbers and distribute another version to the subcommittee later this week or early next week.

We also discussed how to present enrollment data, class sizes and other metrics. The subcommittee felt that it would be best to capture all class size data in one spreadsheet by teacher (Teacher A has classes of 21, 25, etc) because the data can then be used to calculate how many classes there are above a given cutoff, and the cutoff point can be changed if needed. Number of classes above a given point was felt to be one of the most informative metrics.

Budget Outreach Update:

Dr Susse reported that Thompson PTO has expressed interest and willingness to host a Budget information session. OMS has been contacted but has not responded. Other schools are still being contacted.

Next meeting to be scheduled via Doodle.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsi Allison-Ampe

Chair, Budget Subcommittee

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